(d) The Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board has issued closure notice under the provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, to M/s. Kohinoor Bone Mill, M/s. Kamal Manure Mill and M/s. Capital Bone Mill, closure notice was already issued to M/s. Khatauli Manure Mill. However, this was stayed by the Honourable High Court, Allahabad. Action under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 has also been initiated.

(e) and (f) M/s. Khatauli Manure Mill, the most polluting unit of these has already applied for 'No Objection Certificate' from the pollution angle to shift the existing unit from Khatauli. The application is under active consideration and the unit has been asked to submit a land use certificate from the Competent Authority.

World Bank Assistance for Housing

3240. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to take assistance from World Bank for solving the housing problem of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) There are no proposals under the consideration of the Government.

Blind Patients

3241. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of blind persons in the country at present;

(b) the number out of them who are blind by birth;

(c) the efforts made by Government so far to eradicate blindness;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to set up more eye-hospitals in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) As per the recent All India Survey conducted by Dr. R. P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS (1986—89), the prevalence rate of both eye blind persons is 1.49%. Based on 1989 estimated population of 800 million, the number of both eye blind persons is 11.92 million.

(b) It has not been possible so far to evaluate the number of blinds by birth in the country. However, the blindness in the age group of 0—6 years due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency is 9.84% of total blindness.

(c) The Government of India launched a National Programme for Control of Blindness in the year 1976 which is a ongoing programme in

which eye care services have been developed in the peripheral sector (Primary Health Centre), intermediate sector (District Hospitals and District Mobile Units) and Central Sector (Medical Colleges, Regional Institutes of Ophthalmology etc.). The 'eye-camps approach' has been adopted through Mobile Units. These Mobile Units organise frequent eye camps in peripheral areas for doing cataract operations.

At intermediate level, District Hospitals have been upgraded. Ophthalmic Surgeons and Ophthalmic Assistance have been provided alongwith ophthalmic equipment to perform cataract surgery.

At Central Sector level, Government of India has so far upgraded the Department of Ophthalmology of 60 Medical Colleges and 10 Regional Institutes of Ophthalmology in the country. They are also performing cataract surgery apart from other activities.

Voluntary Organisations also organises camps for cataract operations. Government of India is giving financial assistance @ Rs. 60 per cataract operations when the Voluntary Organisations are not using Government Mobile Units and Rs. 40 per cataract operation is given to those using Government Mobile Units.

(d) and (e) Further development and strengthening of Community Health Centres and small eye hospitals in the mofussil area as well as sub-divisional areas (Taluk areas) is planned in a phased manner.

[*English*]

Notices to Trinagar Residents

3242. SHRI LAL BAHADUR RAWAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1689 on August 5, 1991 and state :

(a) the details of cases where the residents of Trinagar were issued with inflated bills much in excess of actual area of the plots by DWS and SDU;

(b) whether any responsibility has been fixed for the lapses on the part of DWS and SDU;

(c) if so, the action taken against concerned officials; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to issue fresh bills to these residents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :(a) The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking have reported that no inflated bills in excess of actual area of the plot have been issued. There may be cases of subsequent sub-division of plots leading to reduction in area not approved by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. Bills are, however, sent on the basis of approved plot size.

(b) to (d) In view of reply given to part (a) above question does not arise.

Representations Against Sagar Co-Operative Group Housing Society

3243. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY : Will the